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LRCC supports SB 314

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Chairman Mike Nofs:

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, representing over 1100 businesses in the Mid-Michigan region, would like to urge you to support Senate Bill 314 legislation that would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow yard waste to be disposed of in a facility meeting the criteria of a landfill energy production facility.

Through our advocacy efforts with local, state and federal government officials, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC) seeks to foster an environment that encourages the principles of free enterprise, business growth and the creation of sound economic development. These goals are currently supported by Senate Bill 314.

We believe that investing in renewable energy options and alternative fuels is critical for the future of Michigan's economy. The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce places a high priority on safeguarding and conserving both the quality and quantity of our area's natural amenities. In addition, we place a high priority on findings way to devise programs aimed at reducing energy consumption and promoting options that will address alternative fuels and renewable energy.

This legislation would encourage landfill owners and operators to recover gas produced by waste in landfills as a source of energy. The benefits to Michigan include a healthier environment and renewable energy production consistent with the energy policies set forth by the Michigan Public Service Commission in *Michigan 21*st Century Electric Energy Plan.

It is our hope that you will give this bill every consideration. If you should have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at 517/853-6453.

Sincerely,

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